

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Claims 1-16. (Canceled)

Claim 17. (New) A method for the cathodic protection of steel reinforcement in concrete which comprises applying to the concrete a composition comprising:

- a) a graphite dispersed in
- b) a curable inorganic silicate binder,
- c) a dispersing agent and
- d) a gelling agent which reacts with said silicate binder to cause gelation thereof in pores of said concrete.

Claim 18 (New) The method of claim 17 wherein the gelling agent is sodium aluminate or calcium hydroxide.

Claim 19 (New) The method of claim 17 wherein the binder is water glass.

Claim 20 (New) The method of claim 17 wherein the composition further contains: a silane or siloxane as an impregnation agent for said concrete.

Claim 21 (New) The method of claim 17 wherein a layer of ionic material is applied over said composition.